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Impact of Unsustainable Human Activities on Water

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that pressure on water in the country is due to unsustainable human activities and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether 60% of groundwater is likely to reach a critical stage where it cannot be replenished and if so, the facts thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

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(a) to (c) The average annual per capita water availability in the years 2001 and 2011 was assessed as 1820 cubic metres and 1545 cubic metres respectively, which may reduce further to 1341 cubic metres and 1140 cubic metres in the year 2025 and 2050 respectively.

As per the assessment of Dynamic ground water resources of India (as on 31st March, 2011), out of the total 6607 assessed units (Blocks/ Talukas / Mandals/ Watersheds/ Firkkas), 1071 units have been categorized as 'Over-exploited' and 217 as 'Critical', which indicates that ground water is under stress in different parts of the Country.

Steps taken by the Government for conservation of surface and ground water are available at the following URL
http://mowr.gov.in/writereaddata/GW_Depletion.pdf
